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HOW TO DO THE JOB

Plans for pushing the educational campaign as to the evil effects of alcohol have been laid by the Commission for Education on that subject, appointed by the last conference. Rev. Norman W. Pendleton is the General Chairman and shall have general direction of the movement, receiving reports from directors, and in turn reporting to the state Conference. Supt. Harley H. Gill is General Secretary, and will keep all records, together with a list of local chapters and members. His office will serve as a clearing house for information. Rev. Gail Cleland is the Educational Secretary and will prepare bibliography of reliable material which can be used by churches for study classes and special programs.

There will be a promotional director for each association. The appointments have already been made, and the names will be found in another column. These promotional directors are to arrange for an institute in each church of the association during the year, at which effective methods of presentation of the important facts shall be stated according to approved pedagogical methods. Such an institute should include representatives of the church, board of trustees, deacons, women's organization, men's club, boys clubs, young people's society, etc.

It is suggested that each local church shall have an educational secretary, responsible for promoting this work, or a temperance educational committee, representing all departments of the church or will see to it that the regular organizations and departments of the church include education regarding alcohol as a part of their regular program.

Churches may include addresses, study classes, discussion groups, plays, oratorical contests, the making of posters, charts, scrapbooks, etc., as appropriate means of education.

It will be well to make use of slogans and popular phrases, which often carry more weight than lengthy arguments. For example:

"Alcohol and gasoline will not mix."

"We cannot drink ourselves back to prosperity."

"You can't repeal the effects of alcohol."

"Money for Beer does not Buy Bread."

"A Clean Flag should not be Stained with Booze."

"Every drunkard began with just one drink."

A further suggestion is offered that the local church shall interest school officials, teachers, Parent-Teachers Associations, and community clubs of various kinds, and that community-wide cooperation be sought and encouraged.

Do your public school teachers know that School Code, Section 3.42 provides that "instruction must be given in all grades of schools and in all classes during the entire school course in manners and morals and upon the nature of alcohol and narcotics and their effects upon the human system, as determined by science."

And do they know that Honorable Vierling Kersey, State Superintendent of Schools says, "This requirement applies to all grades of schools."

LINCOLN LEGION

THE COMMITTEE OF TEN REPORTS

The movement sponsored by the Commission For Education on the Evils of Alcohol,, appointed by the Northern California Congregational Conference.

Recognizing that one of the major tasks of the human race today is the effort to find a wise solution of the vexatious liquor problem, and believing that wise action must be based on a clear understanding of the facts, the Lincoln Legion seeks to promote through the churches, schools, and other civic agencies a well-balanced and carefully authenticated program of education concerning the effects of alcohol, with reference to Health, Personal Efficiency, Crime, Family Welfare, the Machine Age, Economics, and Government.

Within the churches this educational effort should embrace every department, including all ages and both sexes. Within the schools and other social or civic agencies endeavor should be made to encourage and sustain scientific instruction concerning the essential nature of the liquor problem and the effect of alcohol upon the human system.

The program of the Lincoln Legion bears no direct relation to any political measure or candidate. Every good citizen will naturally be impelled to participate in any political action relating to so vital a thing as the liquor problem, but it is believed that this phase of the matter may well be left to such organizations as the Anti-Saloon League and the W. C. T. U.

The Lincoln Legion seeks to enlist as widely as possible the co-operation of all people desiring to eradicate the liquor evil, and willing to endorse the Declaration of Principles set forth below.

The Commission for Education on the Evils of Alcohol has no desire to set up a new organization, but rather sponsors a movement which will give young and old who have studied the question an opportunity to declare themselves for sobriety and against alcohol. It therefore offers to the churches and to all who are interested the name "Lincoln Legion" as an inspiring designation for the plan of action. There will be no membership dues and no machinery of organization.

Aims and Ideals. While the effort of the Lincoln Legion is primarily educational, its aim is in no sense fulfilled by mere parlor exposition or academic debate. Its culmination must be found in life purpose and civic action.

Although the movement draws its popular inspiration from Abraham Lincoln, it finds its deeper motivation in Christ. The educational endeavor will succeed only if it is ultimately grounded in the Christian ideal of clean living and social responsibility.

Alcoholic intoxication is obnoxious to the Christian basically because it means the denial of the Christian idea. In spite of sophistry and specious argument to the contrary, the liquor traffic still remains as hurtful to right living as ever it was in history.

Between this evil and the cause of Christ, there can be no truce. Alcoholism means everything which Jesus did not mean, and nothing that he did mean. And those who follow Christ can make their peace with intoxicating drink only by carrying the fight to a victorious conclusion.

The genesis of this movement is found in the attitude of Abraham Lincoln toward the drink evil of his day. In early youth, he took his stand as a total abstainer, and he steadfastly adhered to this rule throughout his life.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

"Whether or not the world would be vastly benefitted by a total and final banishment from it of all intoxicating drinks seems to be not now an open question. Three fourths of mankind confess the affirmative with their tongues, and I believe all the rest acknowledge it in their hearts."—Abraham Lincoln.

1. I do not drink. Drunkenness is an evil. No nation can long endure half drunk and half sober.

2. I will not be fooled by liquor deception. Moderate drinking is habit forming and easily runs to excess. It tends to undermine health, decrease personal efficiency, and break down the finer standards of life, striking at the highest faculties first.

3. Liquor is a losing game. The cost in social harm and economic loss more than offsets any possible gain derived from the liquor trade.

4. The evils linked with liquor cannot survive unless there are buyers who buy and drinkers who drink. To the brewer, the bartender, and the bootlegger, I am saying, "You can't count on me."

5. The new day in America calls for clear heads, sound hearts, and steady nerves. I will work for that better America.

Believing with Abraham Lincoln that the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage produces more evil than good, I endorse the Declaration of Principles set forth above, and enroll myself as a member of the Lincoln Legion.

Name.....

Address.....

Date.....

(Mail this card to Lincoln Legion, 1164 Phelan Bldg, San Francisco)

A CALL TO ACTION

"The Committee of Ten" has resolved itself into "The Commission of Education on the Evils of Alcohol," and adopted an exceedingly simple piece of machinery for the introduction of its educational program to the Congregational churches of Northern California.

The plan is outlined in detail in another column.

The success of the scheme hinges entirely upon the action of the pastors, and the readiness of the various organizations in the church to invite the Associational promotional director to visit the church to help set up the program of education.

It looks as if beer will be on tap in hot dog stands, roadside cafes, restaurants, and hotels very soon. The new saloon as well as the "new deal" is at hand.

We may expect a sensational advertising drive comparable to the terrifically successful cigarette campaign for the last few years.

Beer trade names and slogans will be as familiar as "Lucky Strike," "Camels," and "Not a Cough in a Carload"!

Radio announcers will affirm that beer promotes health, that champions train on it. Superannuated actresses will give snappy talks on "beer complexions," while some, as yet unknown, "Amos and Andy" will be sponsored by "Beer flavored tooth paste."

Brewers are now planning to spend huge sums in newspapers, and especially in college publications, in an effort to create a popular desire for the "sour slop."

The cigarette drive has captured our girls. Are we to remain indifferent while the beer drive captures our girls and boys? We must get the truth to our people.

Ask for an institute in your church. Bring it up at the prayer meeting, at the next session of the women's society, at the next gathering of the young people, or of the Bible School teachers. It is time for action.

We will help you if you will use us.

Write to the Promotional Director of your Association or to the General Secretary, Supt. Harley H. Gill.

The Promotional Directors are: Rev. Francis J. Van Horn for San Francisco Bay Ass'n; Rev. Henry Stauffer for the Upper Bay Ass'n; Rev. J. J. Jones for the Sonoma Ass'n; Rev. John R. Hahn for the Central Ass'n; Rev. Lawrence Wilson for the Sacramento Valley Ass'n; Rev. Norman Henderson for the San Joaquin Ass'n; Rev. Norman W. Pendleton for the Santa Clara Ass'n; and Mrs. Westwood Wallace for the Modoc Ass'n.

Mrs. C. J. Hawkins is the Promotional Director for the Women's Federation, and the Federation has been requested to elect a representative woman in each association to cooperate with the Promotional Director.

The Educational Secretary, Dr. Gail Cleland, is prepared to recommend up-to-the-minute books and study courses.

Let us get together in Congregational cooperation on this imperative task.

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BOOK SALE

The Pastors' Book Club for this winter have completed its round, and the books are being returned to the office. While some of the books have been sold, there are a few copies not ordered of the following. These will be sold at half price, as listed below:

Fosdick. As I See Religion. $1.00

Willett. The Jew Thru the Centuries. $1.25.

Harris. Twenty-One. 75c.

Thomas. As I See It. $1.00.

McCall. Uses of Literature. 75c.

McGiffert. Jonathan Edwards. $1.00.

Pastors who enrolled in the Club have first choice of the books. After that orders will be filled as received, as long as the supply lasts. Of some books only one copy is left, so send in your order early if you desire the book.

CAN YOU BEAT THIS?

In the last issue of The Pacific we invited people who have been reading the paper for many years to report to us. In reply we have a letter from Mrs. Margaret Cook Hamilton of Sacramento, in which she says that she has been a reader since 1869. It was the first journal that her father, Neil Cook of Rio Vista, subscribed for after coming to this state. When Mrs. Hamilton established a home of her own, she subscribed for The Pacific and has been a reader ever since. She still holds the first receipt for her subscription, dated November 22, 1881. It is signed by S. G. Smith.

We will be more than happy to hear from other long time readers.

MISS DENTON DECORATED

Word has been received from the Board of Trustees of Doshisha University, Japan, that Miss Mary Florence Denton, for many years a missionary of our Woman's Board and professor at Doshisha Woman's College, has been decorated by the imperial government of Japan in recognition of her lifetime work. "The Pacific" and its many readers join with the other friends of Miss Denton in congratulation to Miss Denton in appreciation of the fact that the Japanese government has thus honored itself.

A special paper edition of the report of the Laymen's Industry Inquiry entitled "Rethinking Missions" has been published at nominal cost. It is unabridged. Copies may be ordered from the Conference Office at 35 cents plus postage.

In Johannesburg the Bridgman Memorial Hospital is making real progress, and whenever officials and others speak in public of native welfare work this hospital received most favorable mention.

A. M. A. SPEAKER

Northern California is particularly happy to be able to announce the coming of Mr. George N. White as special speaker for the meetings of our local associations. Mr. White, who is of negro parentage, is alumni secretary of the American Missionary Association.

He is a graduate of Atlanta University in the class of 1903, and almost at once accepted a teaching position at the Burrell Normal School in Alabama, near what has now become the site of Muscle Shoals Dam. For twenty-two years he put his life into this institution as teacher and principal, resigning in 1925 to take up his present duties. In 1930 he was sent as a special delegate of the American Missionary Association to the Fiftieth Anniversary celebration of the West Africa Mission of the American Board, so that he had the opportunity to study at first hand the work in Africa among people of his own race and so largely carried on by people of his race.

George N. White

He comes to Northern California with a record of being one of the most effective speakers among all of our Congregational leaders in presenting our missionary interests. His addresses embrace both home and foreign missions. He is a man of delightful personality, broad vision and eloquent. Mr. White will visit all of the Associations, speaking once or twice at each and in addition he will speak at the German Young People's Conference, the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, the Men's Club of the Sacramento Church, a union Young People's meeting of our churches in Fresno, and from the pulpits of the churches at Alameda, Pittsburg, and North Berkeley. Following the completion of his schedule in Northern California, he will be on the program of the annual meeting of the Southern California Conference.

Word has just been received of the publication of a new book entiteld "The American Indian and Christian Missions" by Rev. G. W. Hinman. Dr. Hinman will be remembered by readers of The Pacific as for many years the Pacific Coast secretary of the A. M. A. He has had years of direct contact with the missionary work among the Indians, and he has supplemented his own experience by research. The price of the book is $1.50 and may be ordered of Dr. Hinman, care Commission on Missions, 287 Fourth Ave., New York.

SO FAR, SO GOOD

Herewith is presented the list of benevolence remittances for the month of March and also for the period beginning January 11th and ending March 31st. A number of the churches are making their payments much more promptly than in 1932, and many others have not been heard from at all, thus far this year. Promptness in remitting will do two very valuable things: It will help the Conference to get along without borrowing, thereby saving interest, and it will enable the church to meet its apportionment without so great pressure and sacrifice during the latter months of the year.

	March, 1933	Jan. 11-Mar. 31, 1933
Adin	$ 10.52	$ 10.52
Berkeley—First	646.00	1291.00
Berkeley—North		114.38
Campbell	75.00	75.00
Ceres	8.68	8.68
Cloverdale	5.29	13.82
Cotati	7.27	11.11
Crockett	11.25	11.25
Fairfax	10.00	10.00
Ferndale		5.13
Fowler	10.00	10.00
Fresno—First		37.50
Lodi—First	125.00	125.00
Martinez		22.10
Murphy	40.00	40.00
Oakland—First	1000.00	1556.45
Oakland—Plymouth	100.00	200.00
Palo Alto		200.00
Pacific Grove	34.65	60.40
Petaluma	179.32	210.57
Redwood City	100.00	135.00
Ripon	5.00	10.00
San Francisco:		
Bethany-Mission Pk.	5.00	5.00
Richmond	5.00	12.00
San Jose	70.00	190.00
Santa Cruz		1.00
Santa Rosa	33.30	59.99
Sebastopol	21.65	21.65
Sonoma		25.00
Soquel	5.00	10.00
Stockton	239.20	239.20
Sunnyvale	9.40	9.40
Tulare	40.00	40.00
Miscellaneous	11.00	111.00
	$2807.53	$4882.15

NAT. COUNCIL POSTPONED

The regular Biennial meeting of the National Council, which was to have been held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 24-31, will be omitted. After taking into account the probability of small attendance and the expense involved, the Executive Committee has decided that no meeting should be held in 1933. Whether it will be held in 1934 remains for future action.

DATES EXCHANGED

Members of the Sonoma Association and the Federation of Congregational Women of Northern California will please note that the dates as published have been interchanged. The Sonoma Association at Sebastopol will now be held on Tuesday, April 18th, and the spring meeting of the Federation at Petaluma will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—For six weeks up to and including Easter Sunday, Superintendent Harley H. Gill has been supplying the pulpit of First Church, San Francisco. He has also been in charge of a number of the Wednesday evening meetings and set in motion an Every Member Canvass. Special noon services during Holy week have been arranged under the auspices of the church federation and a three hour service will be held on Good Friday when seven Congregational ministers give the addresses on the Seven Last Words of Christ.

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For High School Young People:

Manual of Instruction on Alcohol—Los Angeles School Department.

"Stimulants and Narcotics" (Ethel I. Salisbury) Los Angeles Schol Dept.

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"Alcohol in Experience and Experiment", (Stoddard). Nat. W.C.T.U. Evanston. 15c each.

Miscellaneous Leaflets — Signal Press, Evanston, Ill. 45c per thousand.

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"Alcohol and My Generation"—Study Outline prepared for Allied Youth, a unit of the Allied Forces, 419 Fourth Ave., N. Y.

"The Liquor Problem"—discussion Outline—Congregational Education Society, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 5c per set.

"Prohibition Facts—Question and Answers" by W. G. Calderwood. Booklet compiled for The Allied Forces for Prohibition. (Order from J. P. M. Jensen, 384 44th St., Oakland, Cal. $7 per 100).

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NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

RIO VISTA—Mr. A. N. Cheleden has taken up residence in Rio Vista, and the work of that church is going splendidly under his leadership. For the past three Sundays more than 100 have been in attendance at the services of worship, with 45 at the Christian Endeavor Society. A Junior C. E. is about to be launched, and an adult Sunday School class has been started. Six persons have thus far signified their intention of uniting with the church on Easter. The parsonage has been painted and papered, and the living room and kitchen fully furnished, even the fence has been painted. A surprise party was given to the wife of the pastor and she received kitchen utensils and supplies, including staple foods to last for a month. Beginning with August, Mr. Cheleden will study at the Pacific School of Religion.

SANTA CRUZ — Some weeks ago, during the illness of Rev. H. S. Manood, the pastor of our church, Rev. G. F. Richardson, the pastor of the First Advent Christian Church, and his congregation visited the Congregational Church, conducting the service. On Sunday, March 26th, the Congregational Church returned the courtesy by attending the First Advent Christian Church, and in so doing also honored the pastor of that church, who is soon to move to Aurora, Ill.

LODI—A strip of vacant property belonging to the church has been landscaped and will be known as Plymouth Court. Mrs. E. T. Sherman, the wife of the pastor, will design a fountain. Different plots of the garden are being planted and cared for by groups in the Sunday School. The church was recently the host to the County Convention of Christian Endeavor Society, at which 489 delegates were registered. The International World Day of Prayer was observed on March 3.

GUERNEVILLE — The activities among the youth of the town center very largely about the church or its leaders. A troop of Scout Cubs has been organized. Financial conditions have been difficult in the entire region this winter, but the work of the church is thriving. It was recently voted to ask the Sonoma Association to license the pastor, Mr. Ross H. Price.

REDWOOD CITY—Rev. Norman W. Pendleton has been preaching on "F. R." using the following subjects: "What Manner of Man is This," "The New Deal," "Is the Spirit and Program of Woodrow Wilson Coming Back to the White House?"

OAKLAND. FRUITVALE—An Easter Fellowship dinner and play will be given on Tuesday, April 11th. The members of the church are planning a clean-up day for April 4th. Mr. James E. Boyd is the pastor.

COTATI—The Young People's Class has had an average attendance of 20 throughout the last month, the largest for many years. Mr. Milton G. Gabrielson, who is serving as pastor, is making good use of leaflets from the Commission on Evangelism.

SAN FRANCISCO. CALVARY—Through pastoral visits by Rev. Y. K. Rushdoony 171 people were reached during the month of March. The congregations have shown great improvement during the past two months.

SEBASTOPOL—This church now has four Christian Endeavor Societies, all of which have been organized during the present pastorate. This year Rev. George E. Atkinson celebrates his Jubilee in Christian Endeavor.

CAMPBELL — The young people of the church have undertaken the raising of the benevolence apportionment, and have already remitted the first quarter of the year's pledge to the Conference office. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Bennett, has initiated an interesting experiment for young people's discussion groups. A subject is chosen and on a given Sunday there is an open talk on the question in order to furnish reliable information. On the following Sunday the young people divide into small groups of four High School students and one College leader. After twenty minutes all meet together for findings. Thus leadership in the College group is developed and participation by High School students is stimulated.

PITTSBURG—The Young Married People's Class on a recent Sunday evening presented the story of Joseph in drama, from shepherd boy to prime minister. Rev. C. I. Ford, the teacher of the class, prepared the material from Biblical sources. A large audience was present. Rev. George Phillips of the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, was guest preacher on a recent Sunday morning. Rev. C. C. Champlin ,the pastor, reports splendid cooperation on the part of the local papers in publicity for the church.

BENICIA—Seventeen new members have thus far been enlisted for uniting with the church on Easter. The oldest member of the church, who was more than 100 years of age, recently passed away. The monthly church supper is bringing together an increasing number in Christian fellowship. Rev. Ernest W. Houlding, pastor, has been using timely topics for his sermons, such as "The Banking Breakdown," "Is Democracy a Failure," "The Touchstone of Our Faith," and "The God of All Comfort."

NILES — Increased attendance at services of worship has marked the Lenten period. The Ladies' Guild has been busy furnishing garments and layettes for the Alameda County Welfare Board, and for needy persons in the community. Eight scholars in the Sunday School are Chinese and they have almost perfect attendance. Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer is the pastor.

PESCADERO—The church recently surprised Rev. Jesse L. Rollins, the pastor, by sending him with a committee to San Francisco, where he was given a complete outfit of clothes. He writes, "Nothing quite like that ever happened to me before, and in such a time as this it is doubly pleasing to have such kindness shown me." A new floor has been installed in one of the rooms of the church and table built so that more adequate facilities are provided for social occasions.

KENSINGTON — Through action recently taken by the Board of Directors of the Bay Association, a committee of people residing in the Kensington district is being appointed to take charge of the project. A choir is being organized under the direction of a lady who was formerly with St. Clement's Episcopal Church. Mr. John H. Gregg is in charge of all activities.

SOQUEL—The men of the church recently cleaned up the grounds around the church building, the women of the circle serving dinner. A Home Department and a Cradle Roll of the Church School are being organized. The Ladies' Circle will soon have a missionary program, with Mrs. W. E. Eckles as speaker. Rev. Jessie Getty is the pastor.

SAN JOSE—The minister, Rev. Benjamin Gould, is giving a series of Lenten sermons on the theme: "Let Us Think Together on Life's Fundamentals." During these weeks the men of the congregation are engaged in an attendance contest at the Sunday morning services. Real interest has been created and the attendance has been largely increased. The contest will conclude with a dinner after Easter for men and boys.

Deacon-emeritus, L. M. Foster, long a valued and faithful member of the church, will celebrate his ninetieth birthday on April 1st. Members and friends will gather to do him honor at an "At Home" on the afternoon of his birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mildred Savage.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM — "The Pilgrim News," a monthly mimeographed bulletin, published by the church, has made its bow. A full calendar of the activities of the church for the month is included with special items about the various clubs and organizations. Attendance at the various services has increased during the past month by a third. The Sunday School has been carefully graded and during the past month each member was contacted by his teacher. Rev. Horton Colbert is the pastor.

FAIRFAX—As the older members of the Young People's Fellowship leave in order to secure employment, their places are being taken by younger people, and the interest continues. The society does the janitor work of the church, pledges $50.00 to the church expenses, and is raising a fund for Asilomar. The Pastor, Rev. James W. Price, recently conducted the services at San Quentin prison on Sunday morning.

HIP WO SCHOOL — The Methodist denomination is coming back into the united project of this school for the Chinese boys and girls. For a year or two the Presbyterians and Congregationalists have been carrying the load, but the growth of the school and the work done have been so significant that our Methodist friends have decided that they would like to have a share in it. The school has a larger enrollment than ever before and nearly 90 per cent of the pupils are attending the Sunday schools of the different churches in Chinatown.

SALIDA—Rev. and Mrs. Arthur T. Davies were tendered a reception by the community on Tuesday evening, March 21st. About 150 people were present. Every organization of the community was represented and took part in welcoming the minister. Services are being held both morning and evening each Sunday, and a young people's fellowship has been organized. The attendance at both Sunday School and church services has greatly improved.

PETALUMA—The pastor, Rev. Noel J. Breed, recently exchanged pulpits with Rev. John R. Hahn of Stockton. The Lenten season was opened with a dinner on Ash Wednesday, at which Rev. F. J. Van Horn was the speaker. The attendance at Sunday morning worship during Lent has been larger than in previous years.

ALAMEDA — Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, is preaching a series of sermons under the general theme: "Flashes of Fire from the Altar of Galilee." Great sayings of Jesus are used as texts, such as: "Power to become the Sons of God"; "This Do and Thou Shalt Live"; "All Power in Heaven and on Earth."

BIG VALLEY—The women of the Adin church have organized along lines suggested to them by Mrs. C. T. Tinker, the president of the Federation. Twenty-four women attended the meeting in February. The work at Lookout is very encouraging, with almost every child in the community attending Sunday School. Cottage prayer meetings are being held in Adin, with increased attendance. One hundred and nine persons were present at a community dinner which was held for the support of the Adin Church.

ALTURAS—Rev. H. J. Loken, formerly pastor of the Community Church of Atascadero and the University Christian Church of Berkeley, has accepted a call to Alturas and is on the field and at work. Mr. Loken was recently admitted into the membership of the Bay Association, and will bring to the work at Alturas a leadership which will be felt throughout the northern part of the state. Mrs. Loken, who is a reader of charm and eloquence, will be of great assistance to him.

PACIFIC GROVE—The annual meeting was largely attended and sufficient money raised to pay all expenses. The Women's Society is divided in three circles in different parts of the city, but a united meeting is held once a month. The church enrolled 58 persons in a six weeks session for teachers and leaders in Christian work. Six new members were received into the church recently. Rev. John H. Hunter is the pastor.

AUBURN—A steady growth in the young people's club is reported. Rev. R. N. England the pastor, and Mrs. England, have been assisting in the school house Sunday School since January. Preaching is conducted once in two weeks. Twenty-five persons are present, including a fine class of boys and young men.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW—Two out of four officers of the Junior Christian Endeavor Union of San Francisco are from this church. Rev. J. D. Salmon is the pastor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 18—Sonoma Association, Sebastopol.
April 19-20—Sacramento Valley Association, Weaverville.
April 25—Bay Association, Berkeley Park.
April 26-27—Central Association, Ripon.
April 28—San Joaquin Association, Tulare.
May 2—Santa Clara Association, Saratoga.
May 3—Federation of Congregational Women. Spring meeting. Petaluma.
May 4—Commencement, Pacific School of Religion.
May 5—Upper Bay Association, Crockett.
May 8-9-10—Southern California Congregational Conference, Los Angeles First.
May 11—Northern California Interdenominational Conference on the City and the Church. Glide Memorial Church, San Francisco.
May 24-31—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches. Cleveland, Ohio.
July 29 - August 5—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.
August 5-12 — Missionary Education Conference, Asilomar.
October 17-19—State Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

Women's Federation News

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

No Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation this month.

SPRING MEETING

A change in date. Please note! Day: Wednesday, May 3. **Place:** Petaluma. **Time:** 10:30 a. m. Plan your automobile parties **now,** and remember to pro-rate the expenses. "A word to the wise is sufficient." The country will never be lovelier, and the Petaluma women are making every plan for our comfort. Take a lunch, invite your friends, and plan for an all day picnic.

Mr. George N. White, for thirty years connected with our A. M. A. schools, will speak on "Race Relations in South Africa." In 1930 he attended the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the American Board's West African Mission. When he left Florence, Alabama, where for twenty years he had taught in the Burrell Normal School, the "Daily News" (white) was most enthusiastic in acclaiming him an efficient and able leader. His conspicuous power is shown in public speaking.

Mrs. H. A. Shuder, whose husband is a Congregational minister, at the head of the educational work at San Quentin, will also speak. Her subject will be "A Thousand Days in San Quentin."

At the afternoon session a group of high school girls, members of the Petaluma church, will give a play: "The Two Masters," under the direction of Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Vice President of our Federation.

SOUTH AFRICA TOO

While the United States is re-examining the question of prohibition, South Africa is busy on a similar problem, hoping to bring back **her** prosperity (familiar words!!) through her wine industry. She plans to let the 300,000 natives of the Transvaal gold, coal, and diamond mines, all about the environs of Johannesburg, absorb the huge surplus now in bond at the Good Hope vineyards. "Happy days are here again," but for whom? We also read, "It is believed too that the South African wines are a brand likely to appeal to the United States."

IS IT TRUE?

If our young people are drinking more than before prohibition, as the wets claim, why do we read in "Brewery Industry" for November 19, 1932 this advertisement: "Not one-tenth of one per cent of the youth in college knows what really good American beer tastes like. To them it is little more than a name."

Alcohol a Great Remover. An exchange says that alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes. True. It will remove the clothes too. In fact, alcohol will remove the shoes from the feet, the furniture from the home, the groceries from the kitchen, the money from the pocket, the smiles from the face of the wife, the laughter from innocent children, the automobile from the garage, and young people from college. It will remove happiness, honor, and self respect. Yes, alcohol is a great remover! ! !

SPECIAL NOTICE

After April 7th, Mrs. Charles T. Tinker will live at the following address:

3740 - 25th Street, Apt. 302,
San Francisco

THE MARCH MEETING

Mrs. Edwin B. Mead, Social Relations Chairman, asks all who oppose the sending of arms to belligerent nations to write their Congressmen to that effect, also in regard to our vagrant boys being corralled into military training camps, and possibly later recruited into the regular army. Twenty-two million dollars has been approved by the Senate for this purpose, caring for 88,000 boys, and only awaits the vote of the House in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Gail Cleland and Mrs. Richards, both of Alameda, report a successful Library Afternoon, the city librarian cooperating and bringing lists of books on the subject being studied by the women for the year; also an Apron Tea, an apron serving as the ticket for admission to both entertainment and tea. A Style Show is under preparation, and old papers and magazines are being collected to secure funds for sending young people to Asilomar. Congratulations, Alameda!

Mrs. Ernest Evans, recently returned from the Midwinter Meeting at Evanston, stressed program work and especially referred to the programs printed in the "Missionary Herald" and "Congregationalist."

The idea of having a speaker is "going out." Discussions, seminars, and round table groups are taking its place. Don't try to cover every subject in the universe in one year. Specialize! Pass on some bit of missionary information each day, if only to members of your own family Make much of the devotional side of your program. Suggest to leaders cutting out or writing out prayers, then reading them.

Supt. Harley H. Gill's talk dealt with finances. He urged all to get into the habit of making their remittances through the State Board, then on January 10th of each year we shall know exactly how we stand and the books can be closed. Although far from reaching the goal, Northern California has done better, as a whole, than other parts of the country. We could do better if we had the desire. Let our motto for the year be that quotation, "The line shall not break where I stand," and our challenge, "Keep alive the spirit of 'want to'."

Everyone was all attention when Mrs. James Hazlett in a compelling incisive fashion broadcasted the latest news items from the foreign field. We learned that our Christmas boxes to China ministered, not only to the needs of the Kindergarten pupils, but also to the boarding school girls in Peiping. With not money enough to pay their board and tuition, these boxes were a god-send to them, providing face cloths, soap, pencils, and note books.

(Have you received your Social Service quota from Mrs. Watson yet?)

In India often an alarming number of relatives and friends accompany the patient to a hospital, depositing pots, pans, rolls of bedding, and bundles of fire wood under and around the bed. Puzzle: pick out the patient from the relatives. Beirut reports a significant event. A bishop, representing the Armenian Catholics, spoke from a Protestant pulpit and brought greetings from the Catholics.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

At the recent Pastor's Conference in Berkeley, Rev. Hugh Vernon White read a statement by Prof. William E. Hocking of Harvard University on "What It Means To Be Saved." The statement made such a profound impression that a dozen or more ministers asked that it be printed in The Pacific:

"Our life is a process of conversation between ourselves and the whole of the world in which we live. It is possible for human beings to talk to one another with their lips and to be remote from one another in their hearts. Falsehood and selfishness create chasms between man and man, and the professions of friendship have always to be tested by the inner facts of sincerity and love.

"These principles of human intercourse are also valid for this continuous conversation between the individual and his world. A man may be at odds with his world and he may be in harmony with his world; but there is everything in human experience to give us, as we look at the facts of nature and at the facts of history, a sense of loneliness in the presence of the great unknown. There is in this vast cosmos a process operating according to its natural laws, immutable, frequently cruel, and apparently uninterested in the lot of us poor human beings.

"And then in this group which we call humanity, there is something massive, something immense, something of the preoccupation of individuals and of social wholes, which makes the individual person feel that he is alone and uncared for, and that his only possible policy is snatching from the whole what he can.

"Now in so far as a person maintains this picture of the universe, he is a lost soul; he cannot look at the world with confidence. He cannot see beyond his horizon. He cannot see any meaning in his own life beyond what he can enforce by dint of his own self-assertion. In so far as we feel in ourselves this absence of confidence, this absence of certainty, this fear of calamity and of death, this servitude to chance, this rebellion, we are lost.

"The only thing which will make it possible for us to deal in full honor and trust with the world and with each other, is some assurance that these appearances are not true; some assurance that out of the silence there is a voice which speaks, and in the callous machinery of the cosmos there is a heart which cares, and a purpose which plans. What ever brings this assurance comes as a savior. The savior, to you, is that event, that person that word, in which you can say, 'The universe speaks to me; God speaks to me.'

"I believe that Christianity has given the name of Christ to what we might call the voice of God to men and I like to think of the word Christ as meaning what I might call the human face of God. The veil of reality has been broken, as though some being had come toward us out of the darkness; and we can say to the universe not 'It is there,' but 'Thou art there. Thou carest for me.'

"It is this message which Christianity, I think, brings to men and brings with an assurance and definiteness which we find in no other religion."
—William E. Hocking, Professor of Philosophy in Harvard University.

"THE LINE SHALL NOT BREAK WHERE I STAND!"

Times are hard!
Money is scarce!
Budgets are being cut!
It is easy to get panicky!
But I will not surrender to my fears!
God is in His heaven and His world!
He trusts me and I will do my part!

The problem of our fellowship today is just at this point. If every member of every church keeps his own duty and privilege in mind, the total results will take care of themselves.

Contributions for the benevolences of the Congregational Churches sent directly to this office will be thankfully received and credit will be given to the donor's church, if desired.

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